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Lollar Receives Dangerous Wound

PROMINENT CITIZEN OF CALEDONIA SHOT BY JOHN ODUM.

Disagreed Over Business Matter

Shooting Occurred on Plantation of Mr. Lollar About 3 O'clock Yesterday.

Mr. C. M. Lollar, a well known planter of the Caledonia neighborhood, was shot and dangerously wounded yesterday afternoon by Mr. John Odum, a tenant on his plantation, who fired two charges of No. 8 shot into his abdomen, inflicting wounds which are so serious in their nature that attending physicians fear that they may prove fatal.

The shooting is said to have resulted from a dispute over business matters, but citizens familiar with the relations of the two men were reticent when questioned regarding the affair, and it was impossible to obtain the details.

Immediately following the shooting Mr. Lollar was brought to the Columbus Hospital, and was later operated on by Dr. R. C. Molloy, of this city, and Dr. J. C. Pickett, of Caledonia. At a late hour last night his condition was considered grave, and his chances for recovery are said to be very slight.

It is understood that after the shooting Mr. Odum gave himself up to officials at Caledonia.

The wounded man is a brother of Mr. A. L. Lollar, of this city, and is well and favorably known throughout the county.

Veteran Passes Away.

Mr. Cyrus W. Foreman, age 72, a well known resident of this city, who for the past month has been an inmate of the National Home for Indigent Soldiers at Dayton, Ohio, died there Sunday morning. The remains were carried to West Point, and funeral services were held there yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Foreman was well known in Columbus having for several years been jailer of Lowndes county. He was a veteran of the civil war, having fought with the Union army. He is survived by two sons, Messrs. W. H. Foreman and H. C. Foreman, of this city, to whom the Commercial joins many friends in extending deepest sympathy.

NO CHANGE OF IMPORTANCE OCCURS IN THE WAR ZONE

EAST GALACIA IS AGAIN SCENE OF ACTIVITY ON PART OF RUSSIANS.

London, February 8.—Artillery actions between the French and British and the Germans continue at various points along the Franco-Belgian front, but there has been no important changes in position anywhere. Nor have the Germans yet begun the great offensive for which they are reported to be preparing.

Heavy fighting has broken out again in East Galicia. All along the front the artillery has been very active. The Russians succeeded, north of Tornopol after repeated attacks, in penetrating the Austro-Hungarian advanced infantry posts, but were ejected from them later on, according to Vienna.

In the Austro-Italian theatre there have been only artillery duels. In the Balkans quiet prevails. Austrian battleships in the Adriatic have ineffectually attempted to torpedo a British cruiser and a French torpedo boat, which were aiding the Serbian army in its evacuation of the Adriatic coast. A Teuton submarine also tried to sink two entente allied vessels off Durazzo, but the torpedoes missed their mark.

On advice of his physicians, King George, who is convalescing from the injuries sustained by him in France, will not reopen parliament in person next week. The session will be opened by a royal commission.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin R. Sanders left yesterday for Birmingham, where they will spend several days before going to their home in California. Mr. and Mrs. Sanders have been spending the past week here with Mr. and Mrs. George Sanders.

NEW ENTERPRISE NOW OPEN AND READY FOR BUSINESS

COMPANY BEGINS PURCHASE OF BUTTER FAT, AND WILL SELL ICE CREAM.

The corporation recently organized here for the purpose of purchasing butter fat for shipment to the creamery at Okolona is now ready for business, being located in the building at No. 605 College street, just three doors below the Commercial office. This building was formerly occupied by the Premium Ice Cream Company, which concern recently failed, and the furniture and fixtures were sold under a deed of trust Monday, having been bought in for \$605 by Mr. D. S. Cox, Jr., who in turn sold them to the creamery company.

The company will operate the ice cream parlor which will probably be open for business next Monday. This parlor will be under the personal supervision of Mr. Tony Butera, who is an expert ice cream maker and mixologist, and under his skillful management the place will doubtless regain its wonted popularity.

Mr. A. H. Taylor, of Okolona, is at the head of the concern, and Mr. Cox will probably be associated with him in its management. For the present butter fat will be shipped to Okolona to be converted into the finished product, but it is the intention of Mr. Taylor and his associates to later establish creamery here.

Only Three Bills Passed.

Jackson, Miss., Feb. 9.—Only 3 bills introduced at the present session of the legislature, including one to pay the salaries of the lawmakers have been law by being signed by the governor, compared to thirty-seven measures in the same period of time passed by both houses of the legislature and receiving the signature of Earl Brewer, in 1914.

Unless business picks up considerably in the next few days among the lawmakers this legislature will go down on record as being the slowest held in many years.

However, there is one thing the figures do show, which should be taken into consideration, committees have killed the majority of measures offered by well meaning legislators, showing that the real work has been in committee rooms.

Records show that a total of 412 bills have so far been introduced in the lower house of the legislature, and a very large percentage of them have been reported unfavorably by the committees, in fact more unfavorable reports have come down than in former years. Investigation shows that the lower house is not so behind as one might suppose as there are now only 45 bills with favorable reports pending on the house calendar.

The senate calendar now contains about 40 bills with favorable committee reports, out of a total of 336 introduced in the upper body up to date.

The Ray bill seeking to nullify the clause in insurance policies providing for the arbitration of partial losses in case of disagreements, was defeated in the lower house at a short afternoon session Monday. The bill, if passed, would have made applicable the valued policy clause to partial losses. Mr. Ray and Mr. Anderson of Forest, spoke in favor of the bill, which was opposed on the floor by Mr. Stone. The bill failed by a vote of 39 to 36. The bill was the only business transacted by the house at the afternoon session.

A bill sent over by the house providing for the purging of pension in the state, and to eliminate therefrom the names of all unworthy persons and to require all county pension commissioners to subscribe to the oath of office and to provide punishment for such commissioners for aiding, assisting and enrolling unworthy persons, and for other purposes as favorably reported by a senate committee Monday.

Editor Thos. J. Wood, of Starkville, was among those who attended the funeral of Mrs. Lee Spilman in this city Tuesday. While here he was the guest of his daughter, Mrs. J. W. Jones.

Mrs. G. A. Wilkinson, a former Columbian, who now resides at Dixie Springs, Ala., is expected to arrive in this city tomorrow for a visit to the family of Judge and Mrs. C. L. More at her home on Seventh street.

The many friends of Supervisor R. G. Harris, of Steens, will regret to learn of the serious illness of his six-year old son, who has pneumonia.

INVITE WILSON TO VISIT COLUMBUS

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF NATION GIVEN INVITATION TO COME HERE.

MR. LOCKE WRITES TO GEN. GREGORY

Letter Also Written by Chamber of Commerce Secretary Direct to White House.

President Wilson has been officially invited to visit this city, two letters requesting that Columbus be included in the itinerary of his forthcoming southern trip having been sent to Washington Tuesday. One of these letters was written by Mr. W. H. Carter, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, and went direct to the White House, while the other was written by Hon. T. J. Locke, Jr., a local wholesale grocer, and was mailed to attorney general T. W. Gregory.

Attorney-General Gregory is a native of this county, and is closely related by ties of affinity and friendship to Mr. Locke, who in his letter urged the distinguished jurist to do everything possible to induce the President to come to Columbus if he visits the South for the purpose of urging upon its people the dire necessity for preparedness against war.

Although few small towns will be included in the itinerary of the President's forthcoming trip, Columbians have some reason to believe that the invitation extended him to come here will be accepted. When former president Taft toured the country in 1909, he was induced to come here through the efforts of Hon. J. M. Dickinson, a native of Columbus who was then Secretary of War, and as President Wilson has a native son in his cabinet it is not unlikely that he will follow the example of his distinguished predecessor in office and give Columbians the privilege of extending him the hospitality of the city.

Mr. Carter's letter to the President follows:

February 8, 1916.

Hon. Woodrow Wilson, President.

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

"The Chamber of Commerce of Columbus and Lowndes county asks that you include Columbus, Miss., in your Southern itinerary as one of the speaking places.

"In support of our invitation, we desire to say you have addressed the people of the large cities and through them the American people. You have effectually presented your message to that class of our citizens. But there is another class of citizens much larger and certainly as influential, that should by all means hear this message as you can only present it. The people of the smaller towns and of the country districts are as much interested in having our country prepared for any contingency as are the people who have heard your message and they do not all read the daily papers.

"When President Taft spoke in Columbus on his southern tour, he was greeted by ten thousand people, who came from surrounding towns and villages, from the hills and valleys of this state and of Alabama. He spoke to one of the largest audiences here of the entire trip and one made up of a different class of people.

"If you will honor us by including our city in your tour, we promise you a still larger audience of such a character that through them you may effectively reach the Great class that compose the body of the Southern people, the Country-loving Southern farmer.

"And we need to hear you on this question, come and tell us about it. I have the honor to be,

"Yours faithfully,

W. H. Carter,

"Secty. Mgr.

New Grocery Store.

One of the most attractive and unique suburban stores in the city has been opened by Mr. J. S. Roberts at 217 South Ninth street, and is to be known as the Log Cabin Grocery. The building is covered with bark and represents an old-log cabin, and through the center of the porch a huge oak tree is growing. Mr. Roberts has a nice stock of groceries and expects to soon build up a large trade.

Mrs. O. M. Lawrence, of Caledonia, has been spending the past several days here with friends.

HEAD OF VETERANS SOON TO RETIRE

GEN. BENNETT H. YOUNG WILL NOT OFFER FOR RE-ELECTION.

GEN. SYKES SLATED FOR PROMOTION

Likely to Succeed Gen. Harrison as Commander of Army of Tennessee Department.

It is officially announced that Gen. Bennett H. Young, commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans, will not be a candidate for re-election at the coming reunion in Birmingham, and this doubtless means that Gen. E. T. Sykes, of this city, will be promoted, and Gen. Geo. P. Harrison, commander of the Army of Tennessee department is slated to succeed Gen. Young, and may in turn be succeeded by Gen. Sykes, who is now adjutant-general of the department.

Gen. Sykes is one of the state's best known citizens, being prominent both as a veteran and as a lawyer. He evinces the keenest interest in all matters pertaining to the civil war, and his knowledge concerning Confederate history is most profound.

The reunion is to be held in Birmingham May 16, 17 and 18, and it is then that the annual election of officers will take place. The reasons for Gen. Young's contemplated retirement are detailed in the following special, which was recently sent out from his home in Louisiana:

"Bennet H. Young, commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans, will not allow his name to go before the veterans this year for re-election. In a statement made to-night Gen. Young declared that four times he had been honored by his comrades and that he wanted to see the honor rest upon the shoulders of another.

"General George P. Harrison, commander of the Department of Tennessee, is being put forward by many. Gen. Harrison, though only 24 years of age when peace came held the commission of a brigadier-general at the close of the war. Since he laid aside his sword he has served his country in various capacities. At one time he served a year as president of the Alabama State Agricultural College."

"Gen. Young has been in ill health for some time. In fact he was unable to attend the last reunion. Gen. Young's advancement in the organization of veterans has been remarkable. Few veterans have received the honors that were thrust upon him."

Mrs. Lee Stillman Dies.

The remains of Mrs. Emily King Stillman, who died at her home in Atlanta Sunday afternoon, were brought to Columbus at noon Tuesday, and funeral services were held at Friendship cemetery immediately upon the arrival of the Southern train, conducted by Rev. R. B. Eggleston, pastor of the First Presbyterian church.

Mrs. Stillman, who was 73 years of age, was the widow of the late Mr. Lee Stillman, who in years gone by was assistant postmaster in this city. She graduated here at the old Columbus Institute, and for the past twenty years she has made her home in Atlanta. She was a noble Christian woman, having been a member of the Presbyterian church. She is survived by one daughter, Miss Leona Stillman, and three sons, Messrs. King Stillman, Leo Stillman and Dr. Lowe Stillman, of Atlanta, one sister, Mrs. Emily King, of Oklawaha county, one niece, Mrs. Nannie Cunningham, of Meridian, and a nephew, Mr. J. H. Stillman, of Starkville, all of whom have the heartfelt sympathy of many friends.

Returns From Peace Trip.

Jackson, Miss., Feb. 9.—Editor R. H. Henry of the Clarion-Ledger, has returned from Europe, where he went six weeks or more ago as a member of the Ford Peace Party. He has been greeted heartily by his many friends.

Mr. Henry was the guest of the Rotary Club this afternoon and it is understood he will be given an opportunity to tell the Legislature about his long journey to Copenhagen and The Hague, at the banquet tomorrow night, a great many members having signified a desire to hear him account the main incidents of his travels.

Mr. F. A. Rowan, of Artesia, spent yesterday in Columbus.

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ARTESIA BANK MAY GET COUNTY CASH

FINANCIERS THERE SUBMIT ONLY BID FOR HANDLING MONEY.

NOVEMBER COURT TERM MAY BE CUT

Supervisors Transact Business Of Importance at Regular Monthly Meeting.

For several years past Artesia has been growing at a very rapid rate, and if the board of supervisors decide to accept a bid from the Artesia State Bank to handle the public funds, that town may soon become the official financial center of the county. Some time ago the board, in compliance with the laws of the state, advertised for bids on handling the county funds, and the only response came from the Artesia concern, which offered to pay interest at the rate of 2 per cent. on daily balances. The bid was ready for the county solons when they began their meeting Monday, and on Tuesday Dr. N. D. Guerry and Mr. J. N. Roberts, president and vice-president, respectively, of the bank, were here for a personal conference with members of the board. In the event that the bid is accepted the bank will be required to give bond in the sum of \$175,000 for the faithful handling of the money, and conference resulted in postponement of final action in the matter until the March meeting of the board. In reaching this decision the county solons were influenced not only by the inclination to give the Artesia financiers ample time to consider the question of making bond but by the probability that within the next month the Legislature may make some changes in the law affecting county depositories.

An important step taken by the board was the adoption of a resolution requesting the Legislature to enact a law providing for the abolition of the November court term. This term is primarily for the transaction of civil business, and as all litigation of this character can be disposed of at the session held in April and September the holding of this term entails upon the county an additional expense which many people consider entirely unnecessary. Hon. L. H. Hatchett, president of the board, is among those who deem the November court term an unnecessary expense to the county, and it was at his suggestion that the resolution requesting the Legislature to take the necessary steps to provide for its abrogation was adopted.

The officials in attendance upon the meeting were Hon. L. H. Hatchett, president, Messrs. G. R. Harris, H. H. Walters, J. A. Watson and J. M. Ledbetter, associate members of the board, Hon. J. B. Williams, sheriff, and Maj. B. A. Lincoln, clerk, and in addition to the matters noted above the following business was transacted:

Ordered that G. M. Flynn be notified that he will move engine, boiler and other machinery across the county bridge at his own risk and that the county will not assume any responsibility of any accident incident thereto of any kind.

The estate of W. D. Prowell, deceased, and former sheriff of the county, agree to comply with the recent auditor's statement and refund to the county \$190.

Ordered that W. R. Prowell be refunded county tax and road work on erroneous assessment of \$700.

Ordered that Louis Harris be refunded road tax on account of over age.

Ordered that J. S. Dowdle be refunded road tax on account of disability.

Ordered that Johnson Cannon be refunded poll tax on account of over age.

Ordered that Simon Loeb and Bro. be relieved of assessment of W. 1-2 N. E. 1-4 of S. E. of S. W. Section 1, Township 17, Range 19 west, 100 acres, erroneously assessed.

Ordered that Simon Loeb and Bro. be refunded county tax and road tax on erroneous assessment of land, \$700.

Ordered that E. L. Vaughn be refunded road tax, duplicate payment.

Ordered that G. F. Duncan be refunded county and road tax on erroneous assessment of \$60.

Ordered that T. L. Logan be refunded poll tax account over age.

Ordered that Willis Banks be refunded county and road tax on erroneous personal assessment of

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FORMER COLUMBIAN AMONG THE EXPOSITION BOOSTERS

HON. GEO. M. FOOTE LEADS DELEGATION ASKING FOR BIG APPROPRIATION.

Hon. George M. Foote, a former Columbian, who is now a leading citizen of Gulfport, was included in a committee of business men from that city, which went before the Legislature at Jackson Monday for the purpose of asking a donation of \$125,000 from the state for the Mississippi Centennial Exposition which it is proposed to hold in that city.

The following special to the Times Picayune from Jackson gives details concerning the visit of the committee:

"The Gulfport centennial delegation composed of Mayor Simpson, George M. Foote, N. R. Barber, G. Fleming and others, is back in Jackson working in the interest of the proposition to vote \$125,000 to help along their celebration and seem to be very hopeful of success.

The Gulfport men have filled the corridors of the capital with photographs of proposed buildings and have constructed a relief map of Harrison county, showing all streams and roads and towns as well as the Gulf Front. Both houses have agreed to hear John T. Connell talk on the centennial proposition, the movies are showing pictures of the buildings and the town of Gulfport, and attention is being called to the enterprise in every way known to such enterprising boosters as Gulfport has sent to the capital.

Dustin Farnum at Princess.

Dustin Farnum, the famous actor, who made such a favorable impression with the local movie fans in "The Iron Strain," a triangle feature at the Princess recently, will be on the program today in a Paramount feature said to be his best work, "The Call of the Cumberlands," a strong virile drama in five reels.

The admission is 5c and 10c. This is identically the same picture that was offered in the larger cities at prices as high as 50c, so if you want a seat come early, or better still, attend the matinee.

An Unique Affair.

The Woman's Store announces in this issue of the Commercial a Valentine party for St. Valentine's day, which occurs Monday. Advanced styles of spring and summer goods, new spring suits and other spring merchandise will be on exhibit and sale. The exhibit and sale will continue through Wednesday. Dainty souvenirs and refreshments will be served Monday and Tuesday. This will be a unique affair and will no doubt be well attended.

B. Y. P. U. Program.

The following program will be rendered at the First Baptist church next Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock, by Group C, of which Mr. R. M. Young is captain:

1. Song; 2. Prayer; 3. Song; 4. Report of Membership Committee; 5. Bible Readers Quiz, by Mrs. J. P. Harrington; 6. Secretary's report; 7. Song; 8. Prayer, several members leading; 9. Song; 10. Introduction of lesson topic for the evening, John R. Laws, II. Luke 15:1-7, by Clayton Hackleman; 12. Christ's Love for the Lost, by Miss Olive Sanders; 13. Luke 15:8-10, recited by R. M. Young; 14. Christ Seeking Sinners, by Earl Moss; 15. Solo: "The Ninety and Nine," by Wade G. Zwingle; 16. Luke 15:11-24, recited by Miss Lucy Lawley; 17. "Christ's Joy over the Salvation of Sinners," by Mrs. J. W. Jones; 18. Luke 15:25-32, recited by Miss Annie May Taylor; 19. The Elder Brothers, by Mrs. M. O. Cocke; 20. Song; 21. Benediction.

Entertainment for the Church.

The ladies of Murrah Chapel will give a supper for the benefit of that edifice at "Cradland," the beautiful country home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Boyd, in the Dunbar neighborhood, Friday night.

The church is badly in need of repairs, and Mr. and Mrs. Boyd have donated the use of their home for the ladies who are endeavoring to raise funds with which to undertake the work. The home is famed for its hospitality as well as for its beauty, and as the ladies of the Dunbar neighborhood are equally famous for their culinary achievements the occasion will be a delight to the gourmet as well as to the seeker after social pleasure.

The presence of Columbians is especially desired, and a most cordial welcome is promised to all who attend.

Mr. E. L. Phillips, who resides east of Columbus, was a visitor to the city yesterday.

TO HOLD MOTHERS' CONGRESS IN CITY

WOMEN OF MISSISSIPPI TO HOLD CONVENTION AT I. I. & C.

PROMINENT LADY AMONG SPEAKERS

Mrs. Schoaff, of Philadelphia, President of National Organization on Program.

An important meeting scheduled for Columbus in the near future is the Mississippi Mothers' Congress, which will convene at the Industrial Institute and College Wednesday, March 29, and to remain in session two days.

The meeting will be held under the joint auspices of the college extension department, of which Miss Sarah Frances Rowan is the accomplished directress, and the various local patrons; parents; and teachers' associations, all of which are working both individually and collectively to establish a closer relationship between the home and school.

A splendid program is being prepared for the occasion, and those in charge of the work are particularly fortunate in having secured Mrs. Schoaff, of Philadelphia, Pa., president of the National Woman's Congress, who will attend the local meeting and address the mothers of Mississippi. Mrs. Schoaff has been president of the organization for a number of years, and is generally recognized as one of the foremost women of the country in work of this character.

Mrs. Schoaff will be accompanied by two members of her official staff, and many prominent workers from various points throughout Mississippi will be here to relate their experiences and the steps taken to solve various problems of the home.

The program covers a wide range of subjects, among those scheduled for discussion being home decoration, the selection and hanging of pictures, the arrangement of the library, home laundry, family diet, infant feeding, household budget, story telling, home gardening, hygiene, eugenics, physical culture, recreation and other duties and pastimes conducive to happy, contented and useful lives.

Letters have been sent to hundreds of ladies throughout the state who are known to be interested in work of this character, and it is believed that the conference will be materially beneficial to all present.

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST GATHERED HERE AND THERE

LIST OF NEWS FROM OVER THE COUNTRY GIVEN IN A BRIEF FORM.

Sergeant Pilot Guynemer, 21 years old, of the French flying corps, has just brought down his fifth German adversary and has been mentioned for his exploit in an official communication. Previously he had been decorated with the cross of the legion of honor, the war cross and the military medal.

The United States in a few years will have an army of 1,000,000 men ready to take the field and at least 10,000 surgeons will be required for them; asserted Dr. W. C. Gorgas, surgeon general of the army, before the annual congress on medicinal education in Chicago Monday.

The House of Congress has passed a resolution authorizing the war department to lend one thousand tents and cots for the United Confederate Veterans' encampment at Birmingham next May. The Senate had already passed the resolution.

Flood conditions at Pine Bluff and along the Iron Mountain railroad are showing continued improvement. Most of the points along the road report the water lower the past two or three days. From Clarendon reports are that while the water is rising and conditions are growing worse there is little danger of loss of life. The people are being moved from the city as fast as possible by motor boats to points where the trains can be boarded.

Mr. W. C. Beard left the past week for New York, where he goes to purchase spring and summer stock for the firm of W. C. Beard, Inc.